

Application No.: 10/802,544
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claims 19-20 and 22-33 have been withdrawn pending the allowance of generic claim 10. Claims 10-18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tsujino et al., hereinafter ("Tsujino") US PAT. 6,034,843. Claims 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsujino, in view of Foisy et al., hereinafter ("Foisy") US PAT. 6,061,206. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsujino in view of Foisy, and further in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA). Claim 10 is amended.

Applicants respectfully submit the cited references do not teach, suggest or describe at least "[a] method for manufacturing a magnetic head arm assembly (HAA) comprising ...coupling said FPC mating portion to said actuator coil assembly second mating portion wherein said FPC is coupled to said actuator body by rivet deformation" (e.g., claim 10)

None of the Figures in Tsujino illustrate the relevant limitations. For example, cited Figure 2 of Tsujino illustrates attachment of the alleged FPC to the alleged actuator body through a screw, not through rivet deformation. Similarly, Figures 6a and 6b illustrate attachment of the "connection board" 65 to the alleged actuator body through a screw as well. Neither remaining illustrations nor the description of Tsujino even generally resemble or describe attachment through rivet deformation.

Also, none of the Figures in Foisy illustrate the relevant limitations as well. For example, Figure 8A and 8B purport to describe a head stack assembly, but do not illustrate at least the use rivet deformation anywhere. Similarly, the description of the Figures of Foisy fails to describe the relevant limitations as well.

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Since each and every element of claim 10 is not taught, suggested or disclosed by the cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that the §102(b) rejection is lacking and should be withdrawn. Claims 11-18 and 21 depend from and further define allowable independent claim 10 and therefore are allowable as well.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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